

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AUGUST 7, 2017

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 7, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Tyler Moore, and member Brad Bray. Also in attendance were County Attorney Alan D. Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. Moore offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

On behalf of Treasurer Wes Reed, Mr. Wyman introduced Mr. Hayden Sharp, an intern in the Treasurer's Department. According to Mr. Reed, Mr. Sharp did a fine job in the office and Mr. Reed wanted Hayden to be recognized and presented with a Certificate. Hayden was invited to the podium to talk about his future plans. He was then given the certificate and a round of applause.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 17, 2017, Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved and submitted on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

CORONER OFFICE:

Coroner Steve Seele submitted a request to purchase new Interact Public Safety Systems Software for the Coroners' office. This software would replace the "less than adequate software system to maintain records" currently being used in the office. The Interact Public Safety System is what the Sheriff's Department and the Kokomo Police Department use. The initial cost of the system is \$6,405.00, including the software at \$3,367.50 and the Annual maintenance support at \$3,037.50. Prosecutor Mark McCann has agreed to pay for the initial cost and the first year of support, from the Law Enforcement Fund. The ensuing maintenance support costs will be paid by the Information Systems Department. The quote information and contract has been reviewed by County Attorney Alan D. Wilson who made several changes and those changes were agreed to by Interact. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the purchase of the Interact Public Safety Systems Software for the Coroner's office, subject to the submission of the final contract, and authorize the President to sign the final agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

EMA Director Janice Hart submitted the following three grants awarded, for the Commissioners' information:

- A) 2017 HAZMAT Emergency Preparedness Grant, CFDA 20.703, in the amount of \$2,266.25. Money used for Taylor Township Equipment.
- B) 2016 Performance Grant, CFDA 97.042, in the amount of \$27,031.14. Money used to renovate and equip the EMA Emergency Board Room.
- C) Capital Group Equipment Grant, in the amount of \$6,046.00. Equipment for Fire Rehab Truck.

These grants were received into record and are on file in the Auditor's Office.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

At the July 17th Commissioners' meeting the Board of Commissioners took the Sheriff Vehicle bids under advisement for further review by the Sheriff's Department as follows (*please refer to page two, item one, "In The Matter of Departmental Reports" of the regular meeting dated July 17, 2017*):

Brad Howell Ford	\$142,934.00	5 pursuit vehicles
Button Dodge	\$159,040.00	5 pursuit vehicles

Sheriff Rogers recommended that the Commissioners accept the bid from Brad Howell Ford, 5 pursuit vehicles (Ford Explorer) in the total amount of \$142,934.00, as the lowest responsive quote. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to accept the quote from Brad Howell Ford, in the amount of \$142,934.00 for 5 pursuit vehicles, as the lowest responsive bid.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WORK RELEASE BID:

At the July 17th meeting the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 2017-BCCR-15 (*please refer to page three, issue one, “In The Matter of County Attorney Issues” of the Regular Meeting dated July 17, 2017*). This resolution declared the construction of a work release facility as an Emergency “...in order to meet the aggressive timeline represented in the grant application”. This bypassed the usual advertisement for bids and the Invitation to Bid was distributed to Hearn Construction, Perkins Contracting, and Fortune Management. Mr. Wyman reported that the old jail building is in the process of being emptied and prepared for renovation by our Maintenance Department. Three bids were received and the bid received from Hearn Construction was the lowest most responsive bid at \$508,430.00. This puts the project in our budget and allows Hearn to begin renovation in August. They hope to be completed by the end of December, 2017, for an opening of the Work Release Center in January, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to award the Work Release Renovation project to Hearn Construction, in the amount of \$508,430.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following issues for the Commissioners’ information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners’ Salary, Hourly, and Overtime claims, payable August 4, 11, and 18, 2017, in the amount of \$361,344.03 each, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners’ Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$608,865.43, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried.
3. **Ratify Signature:** Ms. Lake submitted an early paid claim for William Menges, in the amount of \$1,420.72, and asked that Mr. Wyman’s signature be ratified. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried, to ratify Mr. Wyman’s signature on the early paid claim.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the Recorder Monthly Report for the month ending July 31, 2017; the Emergency Management Agency July and August Monthly Calendars, and the August Event Listing. Both reports were received into record.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

County Attorney Alan D. Wilson submitted the following issues for the Commissioners’ information and approval:

1. **WeCare Agreement:** Howard County and the City of Kokomo is contracting with a new company for On-site Medical care, switching from Verve to WeCare TLC, Population Health Management. Personnel Director Debbie Lorenz and Mr. Wilson have worked with WeCare to make revisions to the original contract, and now feel that it is “...satisfactory and acceptable”. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the On-Site Medical Care Participating Employer Agreement between Howard County and WeCare TLC, LLC (in contract with the City of Kokomo), and authorize the President to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.
2. **Barnes & Thornburg Invoice:** Mr. Wilson submitted an invoice from Barnes & Thornburg, in the amount of \$1,798.50 for legal services involving labor and employment issues. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried to approve the Barnes & Thornburg invoice in the amount of \$1,798.50.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

COMMISSIONER MOORE:

Mr. Moore received two (2) Notices of Public Hearing from 40th Parallel, as follows:

1) Public Hearing on Monday, August 7, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Drainage Board at 220 North Main Street, Room 338. The meeting is for drainage concerns for land located at 5389 East County Road 50 South, Howard County.

2) Public Hearing on Monday, August 7, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Drainage Board located at 220 North Main Street, Room 338. The meeting is for drainage concerns for land located west of 3776 East County Road 200, South, Howard County.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Wyman opened the floor for Public Comment as follows:

Jerry Paul, Kokomo, Indiana: Mr. Paul submitted the ninth (9th) plaque for the Riley Kids of Howard County, One Vet – One Child – One Million pop tabs. Mr. Paul submitted 3.4 million pop tabs at the “Pop Tab on the Circle” event. In the last twelve (12) years, Mr. Paul and his helpers have collected and submitted around 47 million pop tabs. This plaque will be hung in the 2nd floor hallway of the Administration Center.

The Board of Commissioners gave the thanks and appreciation to Mr. Paul for his efforts through the years to help the Riley Kids of Howard County.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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